



CO-OPERATION WOULD LIGHTEN THE FARMER'S BURDEN

(Written Specially for The Bulletin.)

Some of you may remember that I have at various times referred to the multitudinous knowledge and the uniform ability which a modern farmer needs to attain striking success.

Perhaps some of you may have thought that I have written a bit too far from the mark. I assure you that that was the farthest possible from my intention. Perhaps some others may have felt that I was inclined to exaggerate the situation. As to that, of course there is always room for difference of opinion. But it is a fact that the modern farmer, if he is to make the most of his opportunities and do the best possible work with his farm, must have a broader sweep of knowledge and possess a wider range of technical skill and show ability in more numerous and diverse directions than any other workman in any other comparable occupation. That is, under the present system of overstrained individualism.

The blacksmith must know iron and steel and the management of a forge and the effective use of his blacksmith's tools. The carpenter must know wood-working and the effective use of his carpenter's tools. The mason must know something about stone and brick and cement and mortar and the ways to combine them for strength and endurance. The salesman must know his line of goods and must know about human nature to be able to convince desirable buyers of their business value.

The druggist must know drugs, and the hardware dealer must know metal wares, and the banker must know discounts and values, and the dry goods merchant must know textures and prices, and the shoe dealer must know leather, and the woolen or cotton manufacturer must know fibres and dyes and weaving machinery, and the engineer must know steam and boilers and valves and bearings, etc., and a surveyor must know the theodolite and compass and how to use them through the whole list of human activities.

But the farmer needs to be pretty nearly all these things at once and all the time. He must, first, know his dirt; what it is composed of, what it needs in the way of fertilization and cultivation, what crops it will produce, not most exuberantly, but most profitably; then he must know his tools, and how to handle and occasionally repair them; also he must know his buildings, both how to construct them and how to keep them in condition; moreover, he must be versed in veterinary lore if he owns stock and expects it to keep well or get well when taken sick; he must be an entomologist to know which bugs and slugs and grubs are his friends and which his enemies; he must be a chemist to know how to poison the latter most effectively and how to make up the deadly stuff; he must, know, beforehand, what crops are going to sell well and how to get them off his particular soil; he must have an accurate sense of weather probabilities; not twenty-four hours only, but six months in advance; he must be a manager and workman, strategist and executive, planner and executor, producer and salesman, manufacturer and wholesaler and jobber and retailer and collector—all at the same time.

Believe me, it's some job!

A recent bulletin of the Washington department of agriculture, discussing the distribution of fruits and vegetables from producer to consumer, especially in large city markets, recognizes this fact in its relation to the phase of farming work. In the usual somewhat discursive and mild-mannered, not to say rather dull, manner.



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oration. But here in New England we are most of us so independent that we can't even shake hands without a mental reservation. It might be understood that we would rather fall over backwards than have a neighbor stick out a finger and hold us up!

Ah, well; independence is a fine thing, and self-help is admirable, and freedom from all forms of indebtedness is often something. Robinson Crusoe had to be his own carpenter and tailor as well as producer and consumer. His twenty-six years of absolute independence of all outside help sometimes seems to me the ideal state of many of my neighbors. He tells us how he made boards and tables and chairs and breeches and umbrellas, but he has the candor to admit that, if he was but a batch of carpenter, he would be a worse tailor. All that he claimed for his efforts in these directions was that they served in lack of anything better attainable.

I look forward to a time when the farmers of any given neighborhood will as soon think of being their own sailors and shoemakers as of trying to be their own salesmen.

But that time is, I fear, a long way off. Perhaps it won't come till the present tendency towards increasing complexity has gone even farther than at present; till it has reached such a degree that even the owner of a New England hill farm on a backside will find himself compelled to admit that he can't be "like Cerberus, three gentlemen at once."

When it comes, I foresee communities of real neighbors, where in the blacksmith will do the blacksmith's work, and the carpenter the carpenter's work, and the recognized butter expert will make the butter, and the man whose abilities tend towards chickens will raise chickens, and the man who is successful with cows will keep a dairy, and those who can raise clover and timothy and red-top in immense crops will raise them, and those who have been proven exceptionally good salesmen will sell at fancy prices the fancy butter and hay and general crops which the expert producers raise.

Which, after all, is little more than saying that a baseball bat can't be an egg-beater, and be equally perfect for both uses.

One of the very queerest things in the whole big lexicon of human folly is that so many farmers can't or won't see this almost kindergarten-ish thing. They continue to insist upon trying to do everything and to be everybody, each one alone by himself. They seem, many of them, to think that they can produce top-notch goods one week and then sell 'em at top-notch prices the next week; that they can fight the elements to a frazzle during the spring and summer, and then beat the markets at the market's own game during harvest; that they can handle their dirt with expert skill and also handle with equal expertness the consumer who wants the potatoes and cabbage; they have made the dirt produce, etc., etc.

Now there's a limit to almost everybody's capacity. The farmer is about the only man engaged in useful labor who has no limit. It's very seldom that you'll find a first-class blacksmith who will undertake to build you an extension dining table in competition with his neighbor, the experienced cabinet maker. It's equally rare to find an experienced cabinet maker willing to take the job of shoeing your horse in competition with the trained farrier. But the average farmer undertakes to be about a hundred different tradesmen all at the same time, in addition to his two big jobs of raising good crops against adverse conditions and getting good prices for them in hostile markets.

Perhaps it may be that he recognizes the difficulty but can't see how to avoid it. In some cases I know he does, and that he goes at it with a crazy-guilt pattern of annual labor with the feeling that he is forced to spread himself out over territory which he knows he can't properly cover. He, in such cases, admits that he is trying to do the impossible, and he knows it, but he assumes that he must do it, that there is no way out, that it's die, dog, or eat the hatchet.

In truth, considering the un-bunchable character of the farming community, there is much reason why those of us who deplore the situation, and wish it might be reformed, should hesitate to even hope that it will be in our time.

Why is it that farmers can't or won't combine for mutual help and advantage; that their inability or unwillingness to do so is so well-known as to have passed into a proverb?

There's a topic for grange discussion; especially among New England granges. For there are farmers in many parts of the country who do combine and do cooperate, and do gain manifold advantages from such collaboration.

Now that Alderman Perkins has given advance notice of his intentions, which include the holding of a special meeting, it would be well for Dr. Black and his friends to get busy and to it that the attendance at that meeting will be large and successful. Alderman Perkins has occasioned more public discussion in regard to the much discussed health officer's bill than when his bill was vetoed by Mayor Mer, or when he threatened suit against the city to recover, or when he signed and then put up a successful struggle to withdraw. Despite this almost continuous controversy over the bill, the fact that Dr. Black has a competent office, that he is a pebble on the beach, so to speak.

J. J. Torrington Black, health officer, a member of the advisory committee of the Associated Charities and at the last meeting of that organization, Tuesday afternoon, he urged the organization of a Boy's Club, to have a room in the vicinity of Howard street and William street, and a very good proposition as which was a cunning wild in that section, but shape not more so than any place where boys congregate during the winter. It was noted that the organization does not confine itself to strictly charitable work, as generally understood, but includes the kind of work which is the province of a whole city. One of the commendable features is the district nurse, department, which, now includes two adequate nurses, being recently added. Dr. Black announced that the health department would contribute a small sum of money to the fund for nurses, and in return would pay their services when required in constructive health work, especially for the welfare of infants.

In actual charity work this organization seeks out the needy and the deserving poor and aid them in one way or another, often asks for assistance on the charity department, and perhaps, thereby, gets people to make application for help from the commissioner of charities and those assisted that way become, likely unwittingly, paupers. This is a point that should be clearly understood in charity work, and it is here where the Associated Charities and kindred organizations should step in and help the city and prevent them from entering the pauper list, which could be obtained in many cases if temporary assistance were rendered charitable organizations. It is not within the province of the city charity department to seek those who are in need of assistance and thereby force them to become paupers, nor is it within the

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Before you pooh-pooh this as "utopianism" or "socialism," try it with the touchstone of cool reason and see if it first of all is not a

THE FARMER.

WHAT NEW LONDON CAN PAY

Salary of Health Officer Must Be Authorized if Increased—Boys' Club Suggested to Associated Charities.

As Dr. J. Torrington Black has not yet been reappointed health officer, nor any other man for that matter, although the decision is made, assistance is rendered forthwith, after the cases are investigated satisfactorily. The Associated Charities and the town charity department have but very little relationship as their work while attending the same end, is along entirely different lines and ought not to be confused. Each year appropriation is made for the charity department which is to provide for the general maintenance of the almshouse and the care of the outside poor and by careful management and strict economy the work can be done within the appropriation. Although quite a drain is made upon it by the care of tuberculosis patients in state sanitariums.

Charity Commissioner Goss, recently ousted from the office because, like the late lamented David Hill, he is a democrat, conducted the office on a strictly business basis and, of necessity, always outside size of the appropriation in mind, managed to do his work within the appropriation and turn just a little balance back into the city treasury.

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Tolland County

STORRS

Mansfield Grange Elects Officers—Game with Boston College Today.

Dr. Reynolds of Hartford preached here Sunday.

At the regular meeting of Mansfield Grange, Monday evening, the following officers were elected: S. P. Hollister, master; W. K. Kirkpatrick, overseer; L. E. Card, lecturer; J. R. Cam, steward; J. C. Chapin, H. H. Hurlbut, assistant steward; H. F. Judkins, secretary; C. A. Wheeler, treasurer.

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STAFFORD

No Bid for House at Goodell Farm Auction—Pastor Returning from Los Angeles.

W. H. Webster is driving a new touring car recently purchased.

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arrive home today (Saturday) from his stay of six weeks in Los Angeles, Cal., and will occupy the pulpit Sunday morning at the Baptist church.

The Stafford football team will go to Torrington today (Saturday) for a match with the local team.

ELLINGTON

Mahlen B. Charter improving—Friendship Class Banquets—Grange Meeting.

Encouraging reports have been received regarding the condition of Mahlen B. Charter, who is at a private sanitarium in Stamford receiving treatment for a nervous breakdown. It is expected that he will soon be able to return home.

Mrs. A. D. Cordison has as her guests her cousins, Mrs. Helen Bartlett of Easthampton, Mass., and Mrs. Eva Frost of Springfield.

Mrs. E. E. Hayward, who has been with her daughter in Springfield, has returned home.

Monthly business meeting and social of the Christian Endeavor society was held Monday evening at the home of Alice Hyde. There was a large attendance.

Friendship Class Feasts.

The Fellowship club held its annual banquet in the town hall Tuesday evening. Forty-two sat down to the bountiful spread. The hall and tables were decorated in the class colors. John T. MacKnight as hostmaster of the evening directed the following program, the theme of which was Good Cheer. Program: Arthur Charter: The Effects of a Laugh. Mrs. Charter: The Joy of Living. Morgan St. John: A Look at the Present. Rev. C. Perry: Cheerful Glance Into 1916. Mrs. A. D. Hale.

Talk on Bees.

At the grange meeting Wednesday evening, there was an unusually attractive program. An interesting talk on bees was given by Mr. Hurlbut, assisted by Mrs. Brainerd Kibbe. This was followed by an illustrated lecture on the Samoan Islands, by C. I. Metcalf.

Mrs. Henry Bronson of Somerville was the guest of Mrs. A. D. Hale on Thursday.

Mrs. J. B. Talcott is visiting her daughter in East Hartford for a few weeks.

COVENTRY

George Bovee has rented the Edwin Case place near Wright's mill and moved in this week, coming from Belvidere, Vt.

Rev. Mr. Woodbury of Hartford preached in the Congregational church last Sunday evening.

The annual thank offering service of the Sunday school is to be held next Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Spaulding have returned home, after spending a week in Niantic.

Levellon Reed and Charles Gilbert of Hartford spent Sunday with Arthur Reed.

W. F. Pitkin is home, after several weeks in Boston, with Charles Charter. The Ready Helpers met Thursday evening with C. S. Fiske.

BOLTON NOTCH

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Porter of Broad Brook were guests of M. W. Howard, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Maine were in Waterbury, Sunday.

Mr. Richards is driving an automobile which he purchased in Manchester.

Mrs. Loren Maine is ill with heart trouble. Mrs. Mordine is caring for her.

John Morris of Westbury visited at Dr. M. M. Maine's, Sunday.

Lizzie Nutland is confined to the house by illness.

Ellory Strong of Wapping was a caller in town Monday.

Miss Mabel Howard was at her home Sunday.

BOLTON

Teachers' Meeting—Former Pastor Going to Weston Church.

Michael Sheridan has purchased an automobile in which to go to and from his work in South Manchester.

School Supervisor A. N. Potter conducted a teachers' meeting at the Congregational church Tuesday afternoon. Mr. St. John, musical director in the Rockville and Ellington schools, talked to the teachers on the subject of music.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hutchinson and daughter, of Windsor avenue, Hartford, spent Sunday with Mrs. Hutchinson's mother, Mrs. Jane B. Sumner.

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Four men of the U. S. cavalry passed through Bolton, Wednesday.

Going to Weston.

Rev. C. W. Burt, who was pastor of the Bolton church several years, and very popular, is now moving his family from Crystal Lake, where he moved to from this place to Weston, Conn., where he has accepted a call to the Weston church.

Miss Emily Mack and Joseph Mack have gone to South Manchester, where they have secured employment. They are boarding with their sister, Mrs. Joseph Griggs.

A number of Bolton people attended the meeting of East Central Pomona grange, No. 3, in Cheney Hall, South Manchester, Wednesday.

COLUMBIA

Annual Meeting of Ecclesiastical Society—Pastor Called from Madison—Shoulder Dislocated.

The Columbia Ecclesiastical society held its annual meeting Saturday afternoon. The reports of the society committee and treasurer showed the society to be in a satisfactory condition financially. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Society committee, L. E. Winter, T. G. Tucker, Clayton E. Hunt; secretary and treasurer, Henry C. Isham.

Club Meeting.

The W. S. S. Ladies' club met with Mrs. Emily Cobb at her home in West street Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Hitchcock, Mrs. J. N. Clarke and Mrs. Raymond E. Clarke and George Sawyer attended the consecration of Suffragan Bishop A. C. Acheson, at Middletown, Thursday of last week, making the trip by automobile.

Pastor Called.

At a meeting of the church and Ecclesiastical society last Saturday afternoon, it was unanimously voted to extend a call to Rev. A. B. Johnson of Madison to succeed the late pastor of the Columbia Congregational church. Mr. Johnson has preached here twice as a candidate.

Dislocated Shoulder.

S. B. West, while hitching up his horse one day last week, had the lines in his hand, when the horse suddenly started with sufficient force to dislocate Mr. West's shoulder. He visited Hartford and had the shoulder set.

Mrs. Max Antes of Conway, Mass., has been visiting friends in Norwich and also spent several days with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Kate Wolf, of this place.

Rev. William Brown of Windham occupied the pulpit in this place Sunday, as a supply.

Lyndon E. Little of Hartford spent the week-end with relatives in this place.

During the past two weeks there has been considerable hunting in this vicinity. Some of the hunters say they have bagged nearly the limit allowed by the game laws lately.

Bert Lewis of Manchester has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lewis, in Bolton.

MT. HOPE

Frank A. Youngs of Brooklyn, N. Y., and William Youngs of Norwich, spent the week-end with Mrs. Frank A. Youngs and enjoyed a good hunting trip on the old farm.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Warrenville met at the home of Mrs. Grady Bacon and were entertained by Miss Lina C. Bacon and Mrs. Thomas Bebbington.

H. E. Church of Hartford and friends were out looking after game two or three days of this week.

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